

FINNEGAN, HENDERSON, FARABOW, GARRETT & DUNNER, L. L. P.

1300 I STREET, N. W.  
WASHINGTON, DC 20005-3315

202 • 408 • 4000  
FACSIMILE 202 • 408 • 4400

ATLANTA  
404•653•6400  
PALO ALTO  
650•849•6600

WRITER'S DIRECT DIAL NUMBER:

August 25, 2000

TOKYO  
011•813•3431•6943  
BRUSSELS  
011•322•646•0353

JC542 U.S. PTO  
09/648376  
08/25/00

ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.: 05725.0633-00000

BOX PATENT APPLICATION  
Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Re: New U.S. Patent Application  
Title: PROTECTION OF KERATINOUS FIBERS USING CERAMIDES  
AND/OR GLYCOCERAMIDES  
Inventors: David W. Cannell and Jean-Marc Ascione

Sir:

We enclose the following papers for filing in the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above patent application.

1. Application - 69 pages, including title page and abstract, and including 3 independent claims and 52 claims total.
2. Information Disclosure Statement Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)/Form PTO 1449/Documents (21).
3. A check for \$1,266.00 representing a \$690.00 filing fee and \$576.00 for additional claims.

This application is being filed under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) and (f). Applicants await notification from the Patent and Trademark Office of the time set for filing the executed Declaration.

FINNEGAN, HENDERSON, FARABOW, GARRETT & DUNNER, L.L.P.

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
August 25, 2000  
Page 2

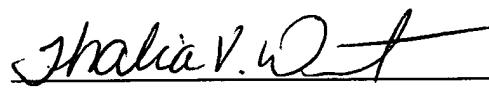
**Please accord this application a serial number and filing date.**

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional filing fees due and any other fees due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or § 1.17 during the pendency of this application to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

FINNEGAN, HENDERSON, FARABOW,  
GARRETT & DUNNER, L.L.P.

By:

  
Thalia V. Warnement  
Reg. No. 39,064

Enclosures